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Mr. Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Your notice, published last Friday (on a Religious Holiday) calling for a public hearing in Charlottesville on April 30, 2002 does not provide Virginia Vermiculite adequate time to obtain legal advice, retain an expert and allow the expert to prepare testimony, and prepare ourselves to testify. Your notice is inadequate for our small business.

We hereby request the hearing be delayed to permit adequate preparation. We need at least 60 days to adequately prepare testimony on the complex issues raised (but not analyzed or otherwise explained) by your ANPR.

I would appreciate your prompt response on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Sansom
President
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